

'PIG WOMAN'S' TESTIMONY REFUTED

Ehrling's Story He Saw Her in Lane Is Upset

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S. C. Signature of clergyman, C. E. Phelps.

Simpson asked that the parish register be placed in evidence, that his experts might examine it.

Prof. Raymond Smith Duggan, a Princeton University astronomer, was next called.

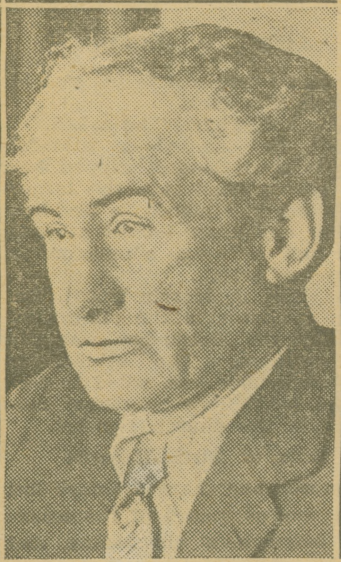
Q. Tell us the time the moon rose on the evening of September 14, or the morning of September 15. A. 11.23 p. m., Eastern Standard time. That was at a point over the Pennsylvania Railroad station in New Brunswick. It rose in Somerville a half minute later.

Q. What phase was the moon in that night? A. It was a little less than a half moon.

Refutes "Pig Woman"

Mrs. Jane Gibson had testified that when she returned to De Russes Lane about midnight on September 14 she saw Mrs. Hall kneeling by her husband's body. She saw her plainly in the moonlight, she said. Proof that there was less than a half moon cast doubt on her story.

The moon this coming Sunday



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morning, Prof. Duggan said, will be in the same phase and position over De Russes Lane that it was the night of the murder.

"Did you personally observe this, or are you calculating it from data?" Simpson asked.

"I am calculating it from these tables," Duggan replied, producing a text book.

Duggan bewildered the jurymen by declaring that the half moon on the murder night was actually a "ninth moon," a slender crescent.

After a few perfunctory questions on his status in the Princeton faculty, Duggan was dismissed.

Henry Carpenter in Court

For the second time during the trial Henry Carpenter was in court. The well groomed broker, who will face a jury later, had



Mrs. Henry Stevens

Jane Gibson

been taken from his cell before on the day Jane Gibson testified from her sick bed.

Mrs. Agnes Blust of New Brunswick was called. With Mrs. Almeda Harkins, a neighbor, she stood at the end of the Easton Avenue trolley line on the murder night and saw Mrs. Mills going in the direction of De Russes Lane.

Eccentric Willie Victorious on Stand



"He was not a doctor, sir," Willie corrected Simpson. "He was the Rev. Dr. Hall. I was very fond of him."

"Absolutely nothing at all," replied Willie when asked concerning his knowledge of the double slaying.

Excerpts from Willie Stevens's testimony yesterday.

A short time later the women observed Dr. Hall going in the same direction.

Q. On the evening of September 14, 1922, did you see Mrs. James Mills? A. Yes.

Q. Where did you see her? A. On Easton Avenue, near Buccleuch Park.

Q. She passed you? A. Yes. Here Case laid a foundation for the defense claim that Mrs. Mills, and not Mrs. Hall, carried to the murder scene the love letters later found near the bodies.

Q. Did you observe anything in her arms? A. She carried something in the crook of her left arm.

Mrs. Mills Had Package

Q. Describe it? A. It was something dark brown. One end of it protruded about six inches.

Case will contend that in this "brown something" was a package containing the love letters.

"Was it the brown scarf you saw?" Simpson asked.

A. It may have been.

Q. What time did you see Mrs. Mills? A. About 7.50 p. m. She was walking leisurely from the trolley line. As she passed us she smiled. Then I saw Dr. Hall. He was going toward the Parker home. That was about 8.05.

Q. How long after you had seen Mrs. Mills did you see Dr. Hall? A. About fifteen minutes later.

Q. What did he do? A. He was walking rapidly. He took out his watch and glanced at a clock in the vocational school.

Identifies Detective

Simpson had the witness identify David T. Libby, a defense detective, as a man who had called upon her. "He told me his name was Thompson," the witness said.

"Did he ask you to tell anything that was not the truth?" Case asked.

"No sir. That is all I would tell."

"Were you at the August preliminary hearing?" Case continued. "I object—unless he wants to impeach his witness and wipe out her testimony."

Case read from the record, quoting the woman as saying she had seen a small parcel, wrapped in yellow paper, on Mrs. Mills's arm.

The defense sought to show that Mrs. Mills had carried letters in the package.

"Did you know they were letters?" asked Simpson. "No."

Mrs. Mabel Clickener, a daughter of Mrs. Mary Demarest, was called.

Mrs. Clickener said she had been with her mother in an automobile when Mrs. Demarest claims to have seen Ralph Gorsline and Mrs. Minna Clark spying on the slain couple.

"I did not," the young woman said when asked to support her mother's story.

George Hubener, a special officer at Buccleuch Park, was the



Rev. J. M. Pettit Robert Ehrling

next witness. He had known Dr. Hall for five years.

"Did you ever see him sitting on a bench with Mrs. Mills?"

"No, sir."

There would have been nothing unusual about Dr. Hall frequenting the park. Several clergymen came there to compose their sermons, he declared.

John Chambers of Montclair testified that the week of September 17 he was at the home of Mrs. William Bearman when Mrs. Hall's coat was brought there to be dyed. "Were there any spots on it?"

"No, sir."

Mrs. Moncure Carpenter, a cou-



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sin of Mrs. Hall, came next. She wore a brown, fur-trimmed coat and a black hat very similar to Mrs. Hall's.

A timid little woman, Mrs. Carpenter testified that there had been no stains on the coat and that she had advised the widow to have it dyed for mourning.

Mrs. William G. Bearman, a cultured matron, with a pleasant voice, was the next of the Stevens relatives to be called.

"Were you in an automobile at the Hall home on the Sunday morning after the bodies were found?"

"I was not."

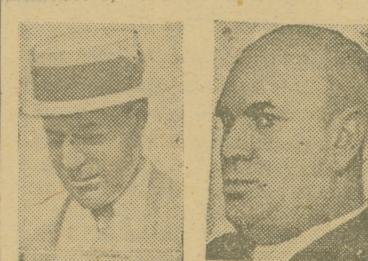
Scratches Denied

Simpson excused the witness without cross-examination.

Canon Welles, a New Brunswick clergyman, said he had seen Mrs. Hall at her husband's funeral.

"I was talking with her. She did not have scratches on her face," he said.

The Rev. Edward Stevenson, an Episcopalian clergyman from Plainfield, said he had seen Mrs.



Francis Bergen Ferdinand David

Hall at her home the Sunday after the murder.

"Did she have any scratches on her face?"

"She did not."

Mrs. Alan Bennett, a Hall neighbor, testified that she had seen Mrs. Hall in her home the day the bodies were found.

"Did she have any scratches on her face?"

"She did not."

Contradicts Ehrling

Mrs. Jennie Waller, the girl who was in De Russes Lane with Robert Ehrling, took the stand.

She was at that time Jennie Lemphert. Today she is wed and the mother of two children.

Mrs. Waller denied Ehrling's story that he had seen the "pig woman" in the lane.

Prosecutor Francis Bergen, Simpson's assistant, questioned his first witness since the trial began.

Q. Did you get a soda in Bound

Bribe Offered For Corroboration, Youth Declares

Brook on your way home? A. Yes.

Q. Did you stop at De Russes Lane? A. No.

Q. You left home at 9.30, went to Bound Brook and returned to New Brunswick at 11.30? A. Yes.

Embarrassed by Quiz

Q. What were you and Mr. Ehrling doing, riding six miles to Bound Brook and back, in those two hours? How long did it take you to get your soda? A. I don't know.

The girl flushed in humiliation. She tugged at a crumpled handkerchief. Women spectators giggled.

Q. Did you stop elsewhere than in Bound Brook for the soda? A. No.

Q. Well, what were you doing? What were you doing? A. Nothing.

Q. Did Mr. Watson, of the defense, tell you that since you were



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married it would not do to say you were in De Russes Lane? A. No.

Q. Where did you see Mr. Watson? A. At my house.

Q. How did he come to come to your place? Did you send for him, or go to his office? A. No.

Q. At the time that Mr. Watson came to see you, had your statement already been printed in the newspapers? A. Yes.

Bergen showed the witness a picture of Felix Di Martini. She said she had never seen him before.

Told of Money

Willard Staub, a youth who was chained to a bed by police during the probe here this summer, took the stand.

"Did Robert Ehrling come to you in August and tell you that if you would say you were in De Russes



George Totten Arthur Carpenter

Lane you would get some money out of it?" Case asked.

"He did." Staub was slightly deaf. Simpson shouted at him.

"You had been in De Russes Lane?"

"Yes, the night before the murder."

"Did Ehrling say the Mirror would pay you?" Case thundered.

"N-no, Sir."

Ferd David, Middlesex county

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